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DISCOVER THE TREASURES OF SALEM COUNTY **The County's Heritage Celebrated with Exhibitions, Events & Prizes**

(SALEM, NJ)--With over 350 years of history to explore, Salem County is well-known for its museums, tours and programs. This Fall a group of museums, historic sites and civic organizations have joined together to encourage residents and visitors to discover the County's historic treasures with new exhibitions, programs and a chance to win prizes in a special drawing in December.

"The Fall and Holiday season is great time to tour the County," said Freeholder Beth Timberman, liaison to the Salem County Cultural & Heritage Commission which is coordinating the promotion. "There are so many interesting programs taking place and the annual house tours in Woodstown and Salem really kick off the holidays in Salem County."

"Discover the Treasures of Salem County" is a project created by ten organizations in partnership with the Salem County Cultural & Heritage Commission: Alloway Museum, Churchlanding Farm-Pennsville Township Historical Society, Hancock House State Historic Site, Genealogical Society of Salem County, Lower Alloways Creek Log Cabin Museum, Pilesgrove-Woodstown Historical Society, Ranch Hope Carriage Museum, Revolution Tours, Inc., Salem County Historical Society and Salem Main Street. Each is planning great exhibits and programs and is participating in the "Discover the Treasures" Prize Drawing.

"The Prize Drawing is an extra incentive to encourage people to explore all that we have to offer here," said Timberman, "and it's easy to enter."

Visitors will have a chance to win prizes of goods and gift certificates by picking up a brochure at one of the participating locations or events and have it validated at three other locations. After collecting four validation stamps, the entry form is completed and deposited at any of the sites by December 11. There's no charge to enter and all family members are eligible. Also, there's no limit to the number of entries that can be submitted as long as they are validated by four of the participating organizations. Brochures are also available on weekends at the Salem County Visitors' Center, 1 New Market St. in Salem and at several businesses around the County.

Participating museums and programs include: Alloway History Museum and Ranch Hope Carriage Museum in Alloway, Churchlanding Farm-Pennsville Township Historical Society, Pennsville, Genalogical Society of Salem County, Woodstown, Hancock House State Historic Site, Hancock's Bridge, Lower Alloways Creek Log Cabin Museum, Canton, Salem County Historical Society Museum & Library Salem, Woodstown by Candlelight, Pilesgrove-Woodstown Historical Society, Woodstown, and Yuletide Tour of Historic Salem. Salem Main Street, Salem.

In addition, Revolution Tours, Inc., a new guided tour service, is offering "Salem: A Revolutionary County," escorted motor coach tour exploring the County's revolutionary heritage at the Hancock House, Quinton's Bridge battleground and more. This three-hour walking and driving tour unravels the mystery of history and entertainingly weaves the story of a Revolution and its people. Bookings must be made at least one week in advance (856-381-5936; www.revolutiontoursinc.com).

Prizes include books, goods and gift certificates donated by the participating organizations and their supporters. The prize drawing takes place on December 18, 3:30 pm, at Churchlanding Farm's final Victorian Christmas Candlelight Tour and winners do not have to be present. For information call the Salem County Cultural & Heritage Commission (856-935-7510 x 8532 or 8384).